

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Subject:	Review Update
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Jill Rothwell, Corporate Director, Strategy and Business Support
Portfolio Holder:	Strategy and Business Support
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendices 1 and 2

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report updates members of the Overview and Scrutiny committee on progress on the current programme of reviews. It outlines the membership and chairing arrangements for each of the reviews. It also includes scope for the 'Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change' challenge panel

### **Recommendations:**

Councillors are asked to:

- (i) Note progress on the review programme so far (Appendix One)
- (ii) Note and comment on the membership and chairing of the review programme (Appendix One)
- (iii) Agree the scope for the 'Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change' challenge panel (Appendix Two)

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Background (if needed)**

In November 2007, the Overview and Scrutiny committee agreed its programme of work for the next 12 – 18 months. Projects included in this work programme are:

- Beacon Centre
- Future of Schools
- Implications of 'Health Care for London: A Framework for Action'
- Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change'
- Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget
- Support for the Voluntary Sector
- Town Centre Redevelopment

This report provides members of the Overview and Scrutiny committee with information on progress that has been made on each of these reviews and in particular seeks members' views on the membership of each of the reviews and confirmation of chairing arrangements. This information is provided in Appendix One.

### **Current situation**

This is provided in Appendix One.

### **Why a change is needed**

Not applicable to this report

### **Main options**

Not applicable to this report

### **Other options considered**

Not applicable to this report

### **Recommendation:**

#### ***Considerations***

#### **Resources, costs and risks**

This report provides members with information on the progress on reviews and thus identifies any risk associated with the delivery of the work programme. Any costs associated with the work programme will be met from within the existing budget

#### **Staffing/workforce**

There are no staffing workforce implications in this report.

#### **Equalities impact**

There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

#### **Community safety (s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998)**

There are no community safety implications associated with this report.

#### **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## Financial Implications

The cost of delivering the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

## Performance Issues

There are no performance indicators relevant to this report

## Scrutiny performance management issues

This report enables councillors to maintain oversight of progress on completion of reviews in accordance with the timetable.

Recommendations matrix attached as appropriate

Not appropriate


## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2008		
Name: Helen White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2008		

## Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Lynne McAdam, Service Manager Scrutiny  
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Background Papers:  
None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES

Review	Chairman	Membership	Scope Prepared	Scope Agreed	Comments
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**APPENDIX ONE – MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Beacon Centre</b>	Cllr Green	Cllr Asante Cllr Champagne Cllr Akhtar Cllr Kulkarni Cllr Scott Cllr Solanki Cllr Stephenson  Ramji Chauhan	Yes	Yes – reported to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on	
<b>Future of Schools</b>	TBC	Cllr Champagne Cllr Green Cllr Akhtar Cllr Macleod-Cullinane  Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel	No	No	This review will commence in March as activity on the Darzi Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (see below) is reduced.
<b>Implications of ‘Health Care for London: A Framework for Action’</b>	Cllr Mithani – representative on the Pan-London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee JOSC	Working Group supporting JOSC Cllr Davine Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Rekha Shah Cllr Solanki	Terms of reference for JOSC and working group	Yes – via verbal report to O&S on 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Evidence gathered at the Overview and Scrutiny committee meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> January attended by the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust, the Corporate Director of Adults and Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Adults’ Services will be submitted to the JOSC

Review	Chairman	Membership	Scope Prepared	Scope Agreed	Comments
<b>Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change'</b>	TBC	Cllr Champagne Cllr Davine Cllr Green Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Mithani Cllr Solanki  Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel	Yes	No	The scope for this project is attached for discussion at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
<b>Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget</b>	Cllr Sheinwald	Cllr Gate Cllr Iddaikadar Cllr Kara Cllr Kinnear Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Stephenson Cllr Solanki Cllr Seymour Cllr Teli Cllr Zeid  Cllr Noyce – to be confirmed	Yes	Yes at the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2007	
<b>Support for the Voluntary Sector</b>	Cllr Sheinwald	Cllr Asante Cllr Champagne Cllr Davine Cllr Gate Cllr Kara Cllr Kinnear Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Teli Cllr Versallion  Ramji Chauhan	No	No	An initial issues paper for this piece of work has been drafted and is to be discussed by the review group at its first meeting on. After this meeting a scope for the project will be prepared.

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<b>Town Centre Redevelopment</b>	Cllr Seymour	Cllr Asante Cllr Champagnie Cllr Kinnear Cllr Miles Cllr O'Dell Cllr Scott Cllr Solanki  Ramji Chauhan	No	No	An initial meeting of the group was held on

### **SUMMARY OF COUNCILLORS INVOLVED IN REVIEWS**

Cllr Lurline Champagnie	5	Cllr Sheinwald *	2
Cllr Macleod-Cullinane	5	Cllr Stephenson	2
Cllr Dinesh Solanki	5	Cllr Teli	2
Cllr Nana Asante	3	Cllr Iddaikadar	1
Cllr Davine	3	Cllr Kulkarni	1
Cllr Green *	3	Cllr Miles	1
Cllr Kinnear	3	Cllr Mithani *	1
Cllr Gate	2	Cllr Noyce	1 – to be confirmed
Cllr Akhtar	2	Cllr O'Dell	1
Cllr Kara	2	Cllr Rekha Shah	1
Cllr Scott	2	Cllr Versallion	1
Cllr Seymour *	2	Cllr Zeid	1
* = review chairman			

**APPENDIX TWO: SCOPE FOR THE PREPARING FOR THE WHITE PAPER, 'CARE MATTERS: TIME FOR CHANGE' CHALLENGE PANEL**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS BILL – CHALLENGE PANEL**

1	<b>SUBJECT</b>	Children and Young Persons Bill (Care Matters: Time for Change)
2	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
3	<b>REVIEW GROUP</b>	Councillor Margaret Davine (policy lead) Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane (performance lead) Councillor Lurline Champagne Councillor Mitzi Green Councillor Vina Mithani Councillor Dinesh Solanki Ramji Chauhan (co-optee) Despo Speel (co-optee)
4	<b>AIMS/ OBJECTIVES/ OUTCOMES</b>	To assess where Harrow is and where it needs to be in order to implement the likely duties and responsibilities stemming from the Children and Young People Bill, with particular emphasis on improving outcomes for children looked after.
5	<b>MEASURES OF SUCCESS OF REVIEW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Findings of the challenge panel are able to assist the council and its partners to implement the structure of duties and responsibilities anticipated from the Children and Young People Bill being enacted.</li> <li>To provide the view of a 'critical friend' on current practice.</li> <li>Findings of the challenge panel are able to help the council and partners embed the principles and duties and responsibilities of 'Every Child Matters' especially with regard to provision for children looked after.</li> </ul>
6	<b>SCOPE</b>	The main focus of the challenge panel will involve consideration of the major forthcoming legislative changes and what Harrow needs to do to implement those changes. The panel will look at the changes in the context of Harrow's current practice around children and young persons' social care. It will particularly look at provision for children looked after and will also seek to identify any other priority areas for development.
7	<b>SERVICE PRIORITIES (Corporate/Dept)</b>	Improve the well-being of adults and children and the care of those who most need our help.
8	<b>REVIEW SPONSOR</b>	Paul Clark, Corporate Director, Children's Services
9	<b>ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER</b>	Lynne McAdam, Service Manager Scrutiny
10	<b>SUPPORT OFFICER</b>	Heather Smith, Scrutiny Officer
11	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT</b>	Heather Smith, Scrutiny Officer
12	<b>EXTERNAL INPUT</b>	Members of the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership as appropriate.

13	<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage one</b> –development of baseline information and best practice frame of reference (LGA/London Councils) to facilitate gap analysis</li> <li>• <b>Stage two</b> – pre panel meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of question plan and approach</li> <li>- Identification of witnesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Stage three</b>– panel meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Round table discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Stage four</b>– post panel debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of evidence arising from roundtable discussion</li> <li>- Preparation of findings (report signed off by the panel either at a further meeting or electronically)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14	<b>EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS</b>	The White Paper <i>Care Matters: Time for Change</i> highlights the disparity in outcomes for children and young people in care compared with the outcomes for all children. The review will need to give consideration to current arrangements for securing positive outcomes for children in care and to make recommendations for improvement.
15	<b>ASSUMPTIONS/ CONSTRAINTS</b>	A challenge panel will only be able undertake a limited investigation.
16	<b>SECTION 17 IMPLICATIONS</b>	Children in care have the same needs as other children but also face specific problems or difficulties that they need extra support to overcome such as disrupted education, difficulties with social and emotional wellbeing or lack of stable relationships. The review group will need to consider these needs in the round, as they relate to the work of the council and its partners.
17	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	To be determined. Likely to be affected by the legislative progress of the Bill.
18	<b>RESOURCE COMMITMENTS</b>	Scrutiny Officer
19	<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Heather Smith on behalf of the review group.
20	<b>REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS</b>	Outline of formal reporting process: <b>TBC</b> To Service Director [ ] When..... To Portfolio Holder [ ] When..... To CSB [ ] When..... To Cabinet [ ] When.....
21	<b>FOLLOW UP ARRANGEMENTS (proposals)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six-month progress report on recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (timing may depend on the implementation timescales for the legislation).</li> <li>• Overview and Scrutiny Committee will need to consider whether further review work should be undertaken based on the findings of the challenge panel.</li> </ul>